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Report of: JOHN W. FAIN
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Title: FUNDS TRANSMITTED TO RESIDENTS OF RUSSIA

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Synopsis:

Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, aka., Mrs. Edward Lee Oswald, is reported to have purchased "foreign money transfer No. 142,688" at the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, on 1/22/60 by means of which she sent the sum of \$25 to her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in care of Hotel Metropole, Moscow, Russia. According to Mrs. OSWALD, her son LEE OSWALD, an ex-Marine, upon receiving his honorable discharge from the service on 9/3/59 visited her briefly in Ft. Worth and left town stating that he was en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he planned to resume employment with an export-import company. According to Mrs. OSWALD, She received a letter from LEE in September, 1959, from New Orleans, stating that he had booked passage on a ship to Europe. According to Mrs. OSWALD, she was subsequently shocked to learn that he had gone to Moscow, Russia, where he is reported to have renounced his U. S. citizenship and where he sought Soviet citizenship.

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DETAILS:

At Fort Worth, Texas:

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 5/6/60

ROBERT LEE OSWALD, 7313 Davenport Street, is employed as a salesman at Acme Brick Company, Fort Worth, Texas. OSWALD stated he is the brother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD who is believed to be in Moscow, Russia, at this time. Mr. OSWALD stated that his brother obtained an honorable discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps in September, 1959, and after visiting in Fort Worth for a period of about three days left Fort Worth with an expressed intention of going to New Orleans, Louisiana, to resume his former employment in export-import work. He stated the entire family was later shocked to hear that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had gone to Russia where he renounced his United States citizenship and applied for citizenship in the Soviet Union. T.L.V.S.
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Mr. OSWALD stated he had never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD to have any sympathy for or connection with Communism before this occurred.

ROBERT OSWALD stated his mother has had correspondence directed to LEE OSWALD in Moscow, Russia, and that she attempted to send a sum of \$25.00 to him during January of 1960. ROBERT OSWALD stated that his mother could be contacted at 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas.

ROBERT OSWALD stated he had no contact in any manner or form with any individual known by him to be a Soviet official or affiliated in any way with Soviet establishments. He also advised that so far as he knows neither his mother or other members of his family have had any contact whatsoever with Soviet officials or with Soviet establishments.

ROBERT L. OSWALD stated that he understands fully the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the internal security of the United States and he stated that he would immediately contact the FBI in the event he is contacted by Soviet officials.

ROBERT L. OSWALD stated that he will be pleased to cooperate with the FBI in any way possible. OSWALD stated that neither he nor his mother, so far as he knows, has been requested to furnish any items of personal identification to LEE OSWALD in Russia, and said he would immediately contact the FBI in the event he receives such a request.

Interview with ROBERT LEE OSWALD File # 105-976

on 4/27/60 at Fort Worth, Texas Date dictated 5/2/60

by Special Agent JOHN W. FAIR /Jeg

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Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, also known as Mrs. Edward Lee Oswald, volunteered for interview stating that she had learned through her son, ROBERT L. OSWALD, that she had been sought on the previous day for interview.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she is currently employed as a supply mother at Methodist Orphans Home, 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas, and that she had come to Fort Worth on that day inasmuch as this was her "day off." Mrs. OSWALD stated she had mentioned to the superintendent of the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco, Texas, the fact that her son, LEE OSWALD, was currently in Moscow, Russia, and that the superintendent appeared to be sympathetic with her in her grief and uneasiness concerning the status of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she has been very much upset and uneasy concerning her son LEE HARVEY OSWALD, since she learned during the Fall of 1959 that much to her surprise he had gone to Moscow, Russia, where he had renounced his United States citizenship and had apparently sought Soviet citizenship.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had entered the United States Marine Corps when he was only seventeen years of age. He had serial number MS 1653230-6741, USMC. He was a Private First Class (E-2) and was in Marine Air Corps School (MACS-9) and held the status of NWHG (radar operator). She stated that he received an honorable discharge on or about September 3, 1959, in accordance with Para. 10273 (MAR CAR MAN). When he was separated from the service he had served fourteen months on a base near Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. OSWALD has in her possession numerous clippings which she has taken from the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" concerning her son.

She stated that following his discharge in September, 1959, he came to Fort Worth for a visit of about three days and thereafter left Fort Worth with the expressed intention of going to New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that he indicated to her when he left Fort Worth that he planned to resume his employment with an export-import company at New Orleans. She explained that the family had up until 1945 lived at New Orleans and had come to Fort Worth in 1945. He had engaged in the export-import employ

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on 4/28/60 at Fort Worth, Texas Date dictated 5/2/60

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prior to his entry into the U. S. Marine Corps. She stated he had mentioned something about his desire to travel and said something about the fact that he might go to Cuba.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that shortly after LEE arrived in New Orleans she received the following letter postmarked at New Orleans, Louisiana, from LEE HARVEY OSWALD:

"Dear Mother:

"Well I have booked passage on a ship to Europe. I would of had to sooner or later, and I think it's best that I do now. Just remember above all else that my values are very different from ROBERTS or yours.

"It is difficult to tell you how I feel. Just remember this is what I must do. I did not tell you about my plans because you could hardly be expected to understand. LEE."

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she was very much shocked and surprised later to learn that he had gone to Moscow, Russia. She stated that she has no idea as to how he got there but that she does know that he had saved up about \$1600 from his service in the U. S. Marine Corps. She stated that he did not previously discuss with her any intention to go to Moscow, Russia. She stated that he had never shown any proclivities for the ideologies of Communism. She stated that he had never expressed any sympathy for Russia or the Communistic system. She stated that he was always a studious type of individual and that he read books that were considered "deep." Mrs. OSWALD stated she would not have been surprised to learn that LEE had gone to, say South America or Cuba, but that it had never entered her mind that he might go to Russia or that he might try to become a citizen there.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she "feels strongly" that LEE has a right as an individual to make his own decisions, however, she stated that she was greatly surprised and disappointed that he has taken this action. She stated that she has suffered a great deal of embarrassment as a result of inquiries from newspaper reporters concerning LEE.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she made application on January 1960, at the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, for a foreign draft and on payment of \$26.65 she was issued a "foreign money transfer No. 142,688" by which instrument she sent \$25.00 by air mail to her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in care of Hotel Metropole, Moscow, Russia.

Mrs. OSWALD explained that she is indebted to LEE OSWALD in the amount of \$100 as a result of a loan which he had made to her.

She stated that on December 18, 1959, she had mailed a personal check of \$20 by way of part payment on this debt to "LEE OSWALD, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia." This check she made payable to LEE OSWALD. However, on or about January 5, 1960, this check was returned to her by mail containing a note scratched on a piece of paper in pencil by her son LEE, stating he "could not use the check, of course." In this note he requested her to put \$20 in cash in an envelope and send it to him inasmuch as he was "also short of cash and need the rest. LEE." She stated she then mailed a \$20 bill and expressed her reluctance in sending cash through the mail. She, in this letter to him, requested LEE to let her know if he received the \$20 bill and also to furnish her with his correct address. She stated that she added in this letter that "I hope you like Russia. If you don't and want to come back, I believe it can be arranged. Are you working?" She stated that she addressed this letter to Mr. LEE H. OSWALD, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia. She also advised that the envelope containing the \$20 bill was returned to her on February 25, 1960, stamped "retour parti." She stated that the reverse side of this envelope was stamped "Mockban, Moyta (Moscow) Russia, January 18, 1960" and also bore the following lettering "MEKAYHAPOAKO."

Mrs. OSWALD stated she ^{is} at a loss to understand why this particular envelope containing the \$20 bill was returned to her whereas the envelope containing the check had actually been received by LEE and returned to her by him. She stated this increased her uneasiness over LEE's safety. She stated that she has no way of knowing whether LEE has actually received the \$25 which she attempted to send to him by transfer number 142,688.

Mrs. OSWALD advised she has since January 22, 1960, sent three different letters to her son LEE, but that all have been returned to her undelivered. She stated she has feared that he might be stranded and in danger.

She stated that she has had correspondence with her Congressman and with the United States State Department inasmuch as she has been very much alarmed for fear that something might have happened to LEE.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that LEE had told her sometime during the spring or early summer of 1959 by letter that he had made arrangements to attend what she believes to be the Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland. She advised that a few days ago she received a letter from the Albert Schweitzer

College in Switzerland to the effect that this college was expecting LEE OSWALD on April 20, 1960. She stated that the letter which had been directed to LEE OSWALD stated that the college hoped his travel itinerary permitted him to be in Switzerland by April 20, 1960. She stated that the receipt of this letter had raised her hopes to cause her to feel that he might actually be en route to this college in Switzerland and that she intends to write the college to see if they have received any word from LEE.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that her husband, and LEE's father, EDWARD LEE OSWALD, died before LEE was born. She stated she has two other sons, ROBERT LEE OSWALD, age 26, who resides at 8192 7313 Davenport Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and JOHN EDWARD PIC, age 28, who is Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Air Force, and stationed currently at Hiroshima, Japan. She stated that Staff Sergeant JOHN EDWARD PIC, is a half brother to LEE and ROBERT OSWALD. She stated that Sgt. PIC has two years yet to serve in the U. S. Air Force.

Mrs. OSWALD advised that ROBERT LEE OSWALD of Fort Worth, also formerly served in the U. S. Air Force and that all three of the boys have seen service with the U. S. Armed Forces in Japan.

On April 28, 1960, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD also stated that she has had no contact whatsoever with Soviet officials or with Soviet establishments.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she thoroughly understands that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has investigative jurisdiction in regard to the internal security of the United States. She volunteered that she would gladly report any contacts made with her by Soviet officials. Mrs. OSWALD volunteered her eagerness to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any way possible.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she has not been requested to furnish any items of personal identification to LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Russia. She volunteered the information that LEE HARVEY OSWALD took his birth certificate with him when he left Fort Worth, Texas. She promised to advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately in the event any contact whatsoever is made with her by Soviet officials or by Soviet establishments in this connection.

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Mrs. OSWALD furnished voluntarily a photograph of
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and the following description of him:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	20
Date of birth:	October 18, 1939
Place of birth:	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Hair:	Light brown and wavy
Eyes:	Blue





